

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAINTAINING MEDIA OBJECTS  
WHEN SWITCHING MOBILE DEVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

5        The present invention is a method and system for transferring copy-protected content stored on a current mobile device to a new mobile device. Copy-protected content may be stored in an encrypted format in a storage unit of a mobile device. Decryption of the encrypted copy-protected content into the volatile memory (RAM) of the mobile device may only occur upon the detection  
10 of digital rights information stored in a removable data card within the mobile device. When the user wishes to purchase a new or different mobile device, the encrypted copy-protected content stored in the storage unit of the current mobile device may be transferred to a storage unit of a new mobile device. The encrypted copy-protected content that has been transferred to the new mobile  
15 device may only be decrypted upon transfer of the data card of the current mobile device to the new mobile device.